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In re Application of

Thomas J. Larkner, et al.

Application No. 09/520,827

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed September 4, 2001, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on August 8, 2001 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-3475.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1723 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114

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